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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ) Confirmation No.: 8997  
PROCESSING BUSINESS )  
SCHEMES WITH PREDEFINED )  
SEQUENCES AND DOCUMENTS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 17, 2003. Since that time, Applicant has not received a first Official Communication on the merits from the Office.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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